

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX

Estimating and appropriating \$5,000,000.00 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Clay County COVID19 Fund; designating requisitioning authority to the City Manager and Directors of relevant departments to implement programs aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19 among vulnerable residents in the City of Kansas City, Missouri and mitigating the economic impacts of COVID-19; directing the expenditure of funds by November 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Mayor Quinton Lucas issued a State of Emergency, allowing the City of Kansas City to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Kansas City residents; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”), which was signed into law by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020, provides for a Coronavirus Relief Fund that appropriates \$150 billion to states and certain units of local government for reimbursement of certain COVID-19 related expenditures; and

WHEREAS, portions of Coronavirus Relief Funds have been allocated to Clay County, which desires to support the City by providing reimbursement of eligible City expenditures and has outlined the reimbursement process to City staff; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City wishes to protect public life, health, safety, and property to limit the development, contraction, and spread of COVID-19 and aims to contribute to an equitable city where all residents, regardless of race, class, gender or sexual orientation are connected to the City’s resources;

WHEREAS, Resolution 200381 was passed by the City Council on May 21, 2020, declaring that all Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds received by the City from Clay County be allocated for projects and activities occurring within Clay County unless administrative in nature or not otherwise readily divisible based on geographic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City wishes to ensure the efficient disbursement of CARES Act funds for eligible purposes to have the greatest impact on the safety and economic well-being of Kansas City Residents; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the revenue is estimated in the following account of the General Grants Fund in the following amount:

Section 2. That \$2.5 million of that revenue be allocated to the following organizations and purposes.

- A. \$1 million to Northland Neighborhoods, Inc for the purposes of providing emergency rental, rapid rehousing, utility, or nutrition assistance to low-income households (less than 100% of Area Median Income) experiencing economic or health impacts from COVID-19.

B. \$1.5 million to the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City for the purposes of providing grants of up to \$50,000 to businesses in the Kansas City portion of Clay County whose operations were significantly impacted by COVID-19. To qualify businesses should:

1. Be a for-profit entity located in the Kansas City portion of Clay County, Missouri
2. Not currently be delinquent on any taxes owed Kansas City, Clay County, or the State of Missouri.
3. Employ at least two employees (W-2 or 1099) who are not owners or part-owners
4. Employ no more than 75 employees
5. Be in good standing with the State of Missouri and registered with the state, if required to do so by law
6. Preference for organizations that have not received other forms of federal or state COVID-19 assistance or relief at the time of application